

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BELFAS 00014 181551Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07 INR-07 LAB-04
NSAE-00 SIL-01 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 L-03 NSC-05 PA-02
PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 /081 W
-----182304Z 080910 /72-62

R 181409Z JAN 77
FM AMCONSUL BELFAST
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1542
INFO AMEMBASSY DUBLIN
AMEMBASSY LONDON
USNAVCOMMSTA LONDON DERRY

UNCLAS BELFAST 14

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ELAB, PINT, UK, EI
SUBJECT: STRIKE AT AMERICAN-OWNED SALTMINE

1. AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL INVOLVEMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND
VIEWED MOST FAVORABLY IS, IN ONE CASE, RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE
UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY LOCALLY. IRISH SALTMINING AND EXPLORATION
CO. LTD. KILROOT COUNTY ANTRIM HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN BY STRIKE
OF 47 WORKERS SINCE NOVEMBER 1976. IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF STRIKE
WAS FIRING OF TWO SHOP STEWARDS AND SUSPENSION 30 WORKERS.
COMPANY HAS REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE COMPLAINING UNION (AMALGAMATED
TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION) OR PERMIT ORGANIZING
ACTIVITIES. NET (OCT 1) LABOUR RELATIONS AGENCY HAS RECOMMENDED
COMPANY SHOULD RECOGNIZE BOTH TRADE UNIONS REPRESENTING WORKFORCE
AND THEIR RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF
EMPLOYMENT. COMPANY OFFICIALS HAVE REFUSED MEET WITH AGENCY
REPRESENTATIVES. PUBLICITY AGGRAVATED BY UNUSUAL WINTER CONDITIONS
NORTHERN IRELAND IN WHICH ROADS MADE DANGEROUS BY ICE AND
SNOW. STRIKE AT KILROOT HAS CAUSED SHORTAGE OF SALT FOR ROAD
USE AND TEMPORARY SYMPATHY BOYCOTT BY DOCKERS HAD BROUGHT SALT
STOCKS TO CRITICALLY LOW LEVEL. AS OF JAN. 18 ONLY MAIN ROADS
BEING SALTED.
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BELFAS 00014 181551Z

2. IRISH SALTMINING IS SUBSIDIARY OF EASTERN MINERALS, LOWELL,
MASSACHUSETTS. THERE ARE NO RPT NO AMERICAN OFFICIALS OF THE
FIRM RESIDENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND. THERE MAY BE POLITICAL
SECTARIAN ANGLE TO THIS SITUATION. CONGEN UNDERSTANDS
OWNERS ARE IRISH-AMERICANS AND LOCAL MANAGERS ARE RELATED
(COUSINS). SOME WORKERS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO INVOLVE REVEREND

IAN PAISLEY.SPICER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, SALT, MINING INDUSTRY, LABOR STRIKES, FOREIGN INVESTMENTS, SUBSIDIARIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 18-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BELFAS00014
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770018-1194
Format: TEL
From: BELFAST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770143/aaaablmr.tel
Line Count: 63
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 6e32dbd5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27-Sep-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3576460
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: STRIKE AT AMERICAN-OWNED SALTMINE
TAGS: ELAB, PINT, UK, EI, US, CO LTD KILROOT
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/6e32dbd5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009